

City of Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women
Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2008

Commissioners Present: Cathi Crabtree, Toby Strout, Debra Vance, Dorothy Granger, Merridee LaMantia

Staff Present: Sue Owens

Guests Present: Lorraine Farrell, Patricia Crouch

- 1. Meeting called to order** by Toby Strout at 5:57 p.m.
- 2. Request for Additional Agenda Items** - None
- 3. Approval of September Minutes** – Debra Vance made a motion to approve the minutes; Merridee LaMantia seconds. Minutes approved.
- 4. Old Business**

A. Data Report

1. Women's Victimization – Cathi is working hard to format a tracking chart, the chart will help track those domestic violence calls that police name 'drunk & disorderly' and yet we think prosecutors office might not be following through; have not yet met with Bloomington police; report is being updated by Middle Way intern

2. Health & Wellbeing – no report

3. Education – no update

B. Women's History Month – general discussion of the breadth of women's events for the month, identifying additional events for the month and Commissioners looked at a hard copy of the calendar (looks great!), will be printed the week of 2/11/2008; one Commissioner spoke about political participation as well; Luncheon Exhibits are \$35 for a table, \$20 for ½ table, free for non profits; Sue Owens is taking on the display in the city hall Atrium, she will "lobby" for an easel or display for the counter top since we share the display case with Homeward Bound. WLD – hoping to confirm with city hall, "WLD: Having Power in Your Community," general discussion regarding speakers and planned breakout sessions: "community activism – women in the arts," "taking personal inventory & having power in your community," plus reception at end of event; publicity going on around town

5. New Business

- A. Jillian and Toby will be stepping down as chair and co-chair. Cathi was recommended for chair and Debra was recommended as co-chair.
- B. The City Council will read applications and interview for CSW commission position. Appointment will be made when the process is complete.
- C. Toby will contact George Manns and offer \$1,000 for portraits of Tomi Allison and Charlotte Zietlow.

